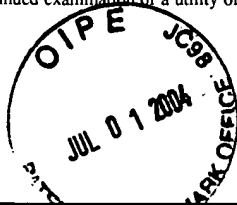


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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for the continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.



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| Application Number   | 09/180,432             |
| Filing Date          | February 12, 1999      |
| First Named Inventor | MACHINO, et al.        |
| Group Art Unit       | 1771                   |
| Name of Examiner     | Ula Corinna<br>Ruddock |
| Attorney Docket No.  | 981361                 |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53 (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar 20, 2000) 1233 Off. Gazette Pat

## 1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment Accompanying RCE/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Amendment Transmittal.

## Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of Action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of THREE months (period shall not exceed three months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Please apply the fee of \$770.00 submitted with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed on February 27, 2004. A check in the amount of \$258.00 is enclosed to cover three independent claims presented in the Amendment Accompanying RCE.

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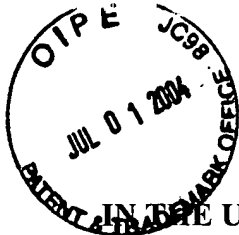
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In re the Application of: **MACHINO, et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1771

Serial No.: 09/180,432

Examiner: **Ula Corinna Ruddock**

Filed: **February 12, 1999**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 6772

FOR: **THERMAL-ACOUSTIC INSULATION AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING  
SAME**

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

Commissioner of Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 1, 2004

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

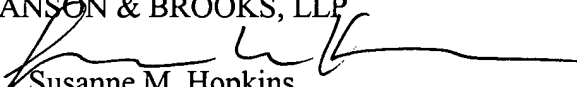
The fee has been calculated as shown below:

|   | CLAIMS AS AMENDED                      |                                       |   |                  |                 |                 |                   |
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|   | Claims Remaining<br>After<br>Amendment | Highest Number Previously<br>Paid For |   | Present<br>Extra | Small<br>Entity | Large<br>Entity | Additional<br>Fee |
| Total Claims                                    | 42                                     | 54                                    | = | 0                | X \$9           | X \$18          | .00               |
| Independent Claims                              | 6                                      | 3                                     | = | 3                | X \$43          | X \$86          | 258 .00           |
| First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims |  |                                       |   |                  | \$145           | 290             | .00               |
| TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED:                            |  |                                       |   |                  |                 |                 | 258.00            |

**XX** Enclosed please find our check in the amount of \$258.00 for the additional claims fee in connection with this amendment.

**XX** The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment for any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) was filed on February 27, 2004, with a three (3) month suspension of action fee paid. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

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